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Dear Mom & Dad,

We're sitting by the pool at the hotel base. It's another hot (90°), sunny day in Naples. The hotel room gets too warm to be in so we stay away until bedtime. We have our folding chairs and often sit in the shade at the hotel or park with our ice chest. A good summertime drink is white wine with lots of ice.

We enjoyed the trip to London with favorite sights and cool weather. It's a treat to have Japanese, Greek, Indian, and Chinese food which is not available in Southern Italy. I came back Thursday and Vickie's charter flight returned Sat. night. On Sunday we went to Cassey Park but left early due to a fire which was spreading ashes all over.

Yesterday I left work at noon and we rode the hydrofoil to Capri. We walked all over and were not uncomfortable because the weather is cooler on the island. Returning to Naples I had a favorite Neapolitan dish: spaghetti with tomatoes, clams, and mussels.

In the office on Friday I got your letter describing Mike's elbow problem. Much of our mail had been misrouted when the staff moved from the ship to Naples. Now, in your latest letter, it appears Mary may not move East after all. You indicated an idea of visiting Mary in October if the move did take place. This caused me to reconsider the trip to Bellevue if we would see you in Alexandria in Oct. However, everything seems up in the air so we will still plan to visit you in Sept unless something definite happens. We certainly appreciate your frequent letters! Love, Jim